

REMARKS

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to deposit account number 03-1677, CTS Corporation.

The following are applicant's response to issues raised in the Office Action.

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1, 10, 17 and 21 have been amended. Claim 12 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 6-8.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Claim 12 has been canceled. Withdrawal of the 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC 102 and 103

Claims 1-5, 9-18 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102b over U.S. Patent No. 4,361,741 to Leskoverc. Leskoverc discloses a Switch Actuator Apparatus.

The office action states that reference number 126 is a moveable bar. Leskoverc refers to reference number 126 as an actuator spring (column 4, lines 1-15). As can be seen from figure 2, the seat is biased away from bracket 140 by the actuator spring 140, which is a leaf spring. In Leskoverc, there is no separate spring for biasing a member away from the bracket. The spring 159 shown in Leskoverc does not bias

element 126 from bracket 140. Spring 159 biases the switch 124 (see column 4, lines 31-40).

None of the cited references, teach, disclose or suggest as in amended claim 1, a bracket having a pair of notches and a moveable bar having a pair of spaced apart arms that are retained in the notches. The notches supporting the arms such that the moveable bar can be rotated relative to the bracket. Further, the references do not show a spring located between a bracket and a moveable bar for biasing the moveable bar away from the bracket.

Dependent claims 2-9 depend from independent claim 1 and add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith.

None of the cited references, teach, disclose or suggest as in amended claim 10, a bar retained by the bracket and having a cross member. A spring is located between the bracket and the cross member.

Dependent claims 11-16 depend from independent claim 10 and add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith.

None of the cited references, teach, disclose or suggest as in amended claim 17, a bracket that is attachable to the seat member. An anchor bar is retained by the bracket. The bar being moveable with respect to the bracket when tension is placed on the bar. A coil spring is located between the bracket and the bar, the coil spring biasing the bar away from the bracket.

Dependent claims 18-20 depend from independent claim 17 and add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith.

None of the cited references, teach, disclose or suggest as in amended claim 21,

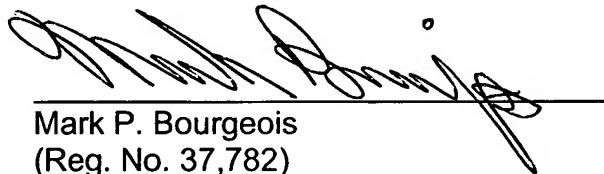
a bracket adapted to be secured to a seat and an anchor bar having a pair of ends. The ends being pivotally retained by the bracket. The anchor bar connectable with an object that provides tension on the anchor bar.

Dependent claims 22-24 depend from independent claim 21 and add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith.

Since each and every element of the claimed invention is not disclosed or suggested in the cited references, withdrawal of the 102 and 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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